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South River Club
Between Glebe Creek and Rhodes River
South River vicinity
Anne Arundel County
Maryland

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8. **SOUTH RIVER CLUB.** Only on Pilgrimage days is this building open to women. A quaint one-room clapboard structure, it is headquarters for the oldest membership social club in the Western hemisphere, antedating all similar London clubs. The Club has endured for 273 years without a constitution or by-laws. The present clubhouse was built in 1742 after an earlier structure burned. Twenty-five gentlemen, many of them descendants of the original members, meet here four times a year for prodigious feasts prepared in the detached kitchen. Posted on the wall are the roll of members dating back to 1742 and a list of the original rules which forbid discussion of politics and religion.